



This man hopes he will stay retired, but then again he has this idea . . .

THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

Dr. Hugh E. Farquhar, the University of Victoria's reluctant President, retires on August 31. . . again.

This time for good, he hopes, and after two and a half years of leading the University back into a period of calm and significant growth, after a teaching career that began in 1931 in an ungraded rural school,

after an academic career that has always been associated with the University and its predecessors, Victoria College and the Provincial Normal School.

"I didn't expect to stay this long," Dr. Farquhar said during an interview in his Sedgewick Building office.

Dr. Farquhar, 63, had retired as a Full Professor in 1970. He was enjoying life on the Mediterranean in 1971 when he was

called upon to return to the University as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Education. He accepted.

Then came Bruce Partridge's resignation on January 31, 1972 after a stormy two-and-a-half-year term as President. The Board of Governors called on Dr. Farquhar to take over the post on a pro tem basis. He accepted, but reluctantly, indicating he would leave in a few months if the mood of the University did not improve.

In June of that year he agreed with some hesitancy to a permanent appointment.

"My decision to accede to the board's request was a difficult one," he said at the time.

"The complete confidence the board has shown in me, added to the many indications of support from the university community and the public generally, assisted me in my decision to accept."

Then last fall he announced his intention to retire, and the long search to find his successor began. His retirement was supposed to take effect on June 30, but a new President had yet to be chosen, and so Dr. Farquhar agreed to stay until August 31.

Dr. Farquhar talked of spending the next few months in a spirit of total relaxation — spending time in his Up-Island cottage, enjoying his children and grandchildren, reading, fishing, golfing, gardening.

"I want to get away from University tensions and pressures. I want to gain a new perspective on life," he said.

"University tends to become a closed society. There are other things in life of interest I want to look at."

But even with his intent to stay retired, Dr. Farquhar — the dreamer, the man of action — is still very much alive, and maybe, just maybe, Victoria and the University will see him back.

"If I had my way and the money I would like to see the establishment here of an international centre for social problems which would attempt to improve the life of the people," he said.

"We've made great advances in science

and technology, but we have made no parallel advances in the quality of life.

"Universities don't seem to be doing much in the problems of transportation, of urban society, of high-rise living, of communications, of elderly citizens. One could go on and on with the problems we have grappled with only on the surface but not at the roots."

With the University of Victoria being an ideally suited place for such a centre, Dr. Farquhar would have the country's best brains gathered here to tackle "the great social problems that exist today".

And these problems would be dealt with as one interrelated problem, rather than being fragmented into departments.

Dr. Farquhar said the greatest accomplishments under his administration have been the introduction of programmes concerned with the welfare of people, and these "represent a new direction for the University".

These are the schools of Child Care, Public Administration, the Faculty of Law and the approved plans for the schools of Nursing and Social Welfare.

He said progress in these areas could only have taken place after he accomplished his first goal as President: Stabilizing the unrest on campus which prevailed in early 1972.

These changes also had to be made in the face of the university's innate conservatism.

"Things don't move as quickly as I would like. By the time you get an idea it takes two or three years to get results. The new schools, for instance, had been under discussion for seven or eight years."

Dr. Farquhar said there is a lot of resistance to and fear of change in the University.

The persons who do not want the University to change say it should be somewhat removed from the real world, concerned with research and liberal education, rather than being a vocational institute.

"Universities always have been, in part, vocational institutes with their studies in Law, Medicine and the Church."

He said there is a place for both the pursuit of truth and vocational training. "But I don't think we have concerned ourselves with current social needs."

He added: "If you are a person who likes action, as I do, you have to develop a lot of patience on this job."

Under Dr. Farquhar, the physical side of the University has grown significantly with

the nearly-completed Physical Education and Recreation Complex, the completion of the Library extension, and the projected plans of campus development for the next three years, which includes the \$4.3-million University Centre.

He said relations with the Provincial Government have improved. "Last year we were more successful than before in requests for operating grants. The government understands our needs as never before."

Relations with the community have never been better. "The public has been very supportive, very proud and very involved with our new programmes."

Dr. Farquhar said he is leaving the University "in good shape" for his successor, although there are situations that could create problems.

"The University will have to change to accommodate the new University Act, and this will create tensions."

He expressed concern about creation of the provincially-appointed Universities Council under the Act, which will be responsible for allotting money to B.C.'s three universities.

"It is impossible to predict its effect. It depends largely on who is on the Council. If it starts to dictate internal programmes, I feel this would be a serious threat to the autonomy of universities. But if it oversees orderly development of higher education, it would serve a very useful function."

The new Act also calls for inclusion of student and faculty representatives in the Senate and on the Board of Governors. Dr. Farquhar said this should result in improved governance of the University if they stick to areas where they can make contributions.

He said another problem area will be the continent-wide movement to unionize Faculty. "I don't think unionization has been sufficiently studied yet to see what it means to the Faculty and the University."

The overwhelming and unexpected increase in applications for enrolment this fall augurs a major headache for the new President.

"If this increase in enrolment represents a trend, it will be time for the University to look at what is going to be its ultimate size."

One sore point left to the new President is the censure imposed on the University of Victoria by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) back in the Partridge days.

"It has been a disappointment to me that we haven't been able to resolve this situation," Dr. Farquhar said.

The censure, imposed against Dr. Partridge and then transferred to Dr. Farquhar's administration, was the outcome of a dispute over the tenure of three University professors.

Dr. Farquhar said he had expected CAUT to lift the censure this year when, during negotiations, it agreed appeal procedures are now satisfactory here.

"But nothing happened."

He noted that the whole problem is rooted in the past. "We were close to a solution."

Despite the frustrations and discouragements of being a university President, Dr. Farquhar has found it, on the over-all, stimulating and satisfying. "I've accomplished the goals I had set for myself. I'm glad I have had the experience. I have learned a great deal about people and universities."

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Howard E. Petch, a prominent Canadian scientist and Academic Vice-President of the University of Waterloo, has been appointed the fourth President of the University of Victoria, S. Joseph Cunliffe, Chairman of the Board of Governors, announced this week.

Dr. Petch, 49, succeeds Dr. Hugh E. Farquhar, 63, who retires on August 31.

The appointment of Dr. Petch, who is also Professor of Physics at Waterloo, culminates a search for a new President that began in January after Dr. Farquhar announced his intention to retire. The search was conducted by an Advisory Committee made up of representatives of the Board, the Faculty, the Senate, the student body, and the Alumni. The position was advertised and nominations sought throughout Canada and some 119 candidates were reviewed before the Committee's recommendations were submitted to the Board of Governors.

In announcing the Board's concurrence with the Committee's recommendation, Mr. Cunliffe commented on the willing service given to the University by each of the Committee members and the thoroughness with which each of the many candidates was examined. "We were extremely gratified," he said, "that so many impressive and acceptable candi-

dates agreed to stand but the general high calibre did make comparative evaluations difficult and the Committee is to be commended for giving to the search the serious and earnest attention that the fine list of candidates deserved.

"We were pleased to be able to find a President with Dr. Petch's scholastic reputation and administrative experience."

Mr. Cunliffe said Dr. Petch will assume his duties full-time on January 1, 1975. In the intervening four months he will visit the campus monthly for consultation and Board meetings and will wish to be involved in any major decisions taken. In his absence, Vice-President Dr. S.A. Jennings will serve as Acting President.

Dr. Petch, who has published widely on a variety of scientific subjects, has had a distinguished career both on and off campus.

In 1972, he was Assistant Secretary for the Federal Ministry of State for Science and Technology while on leave from Waterloo after being President (pro tem) there in 1969-70.

He was Waterloo's Academic Vice-President in 1967-68 and 1970-71, a position he returned to in 1973.

During 1973, Dr. Petch was commissioned by the Federal Government to make a report on the future of the Science Council of Canada and was appointed a member of the Airport Inquiry Commission.

He was also appointed by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to study the Health Research needs for the next decade in Ontario.

He was a member of the Science Council between 1966 and 1972, serving on several of its committees.

He was Director of the Canadian Organization for Joint Research and is now a member of the Defence Research Board of Canada.

Dr. Petch was also on a number of National Research Council committees between 1965 and 1973. He served on the Committee for Research, the Canadian Institute for Mining Metallurgy, and on the Standing Committee on the Sciences for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

He was the Canadian delegate to the Indo/U.S. Conference of Physics Education and Research, Srinagar, India, 1970, and to the inauguration of Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y tecnologia, Mexico City,

1971.

A native of Agincourt, Ont., Dr. Petch received a B.Sc. in Honours Chemistry and Physics from McMaster University in 1949, and his M.Sc. in Physics there in 1950. He gained his Doctorate from the University of British Columbia in 1952.

He was a Postdoctorate Fellow at McMaster University in 1952-53, and carried out postdoctorate studies at Cambridge University, 1953-54.

He returned to McMaster in 1954 as an Assistant Professor of Physics. In 1957, he was given the task of developing a Department of Metallurgy and Metallurgical Engineering, of which he became Chairman.

While still holding that post, he became the University's Director of Research in 1961, Chairman of its Interdisciplinary Materials Research Unit in 1964, and Principal of Hamilton College in 1963. He left McMaster in 1967 to take up the Vice-President post at Waterloo.

He also served on both McMaster and Waterloo Boards of Governors.

Dr. Petch also managed to be active within several community organizations. He was a school trustee and he has been a member of the Niagara Escarpment Preservation Committee, the Waterloo County Health Council, the Editorial Advisory Board of Science Forum, and the Advisory Board of the Great Lakes Institute, University of Toronto.

Membership in learned societies includes the Royal Society of Canada, and the Canadian Association of Physicists of which he was president in 1967-68. He has also been a member of the American Crystallographic Association, the American Physical Society, the American Society of Metals, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Canadian Association of University Research Administrators, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and the International Union of Crystallography.

Dr. Petch served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He is married and has two children.

ENROLMENT SOARS

Full-time, undergraduate enrolment this fall at the University of Victoria is expected to jump by more than 500 students over last year's total, President Hugh E. Farquhar disclosed today.

Dr. Farquhar said this dramatic increase, largely on the first-year level, comes as a complete surprise since an increase of about 50 was expected.

"It will impose some strains on classroom accommodations, labs, staffing, and housing."

However, he said, "we can absorb quite a number. I am confident we can cope with it."

He noted that an increase of 500 students would put the total number of full-time, undergraduate at 5,000, which is the total the University had in 1969 before student population began to decline. Last year's undergraduate total stood at 4,413.

As of August 14, the University has 850 more applications for registration than on August 20 of 1973. As of August 14, 355 more registrations had been completed over August 20 of 1973.

On this information, Dr. Farquhar said registrations will likely increase by more than 500 by the time University opens in September.

He said it is expected many of the applicants who haven't been processed yet won't show up for registration.

He speculated that one of the unknown causes of the increase is the misunderstanding on the part of prospective students that they could receive \$2,900 in Provincial government aid.

Government aid has been increased but only a few students will receive as much as \$2,900.

"Perhaps if they don't get it, they won't show."

Another unknown factor is how many students applied to this University as an alternative possibility.

Dr. Farquhar said he didn't know why the sudden increase but he speculated that students attitudes have changed. "I suspect many left high school, travelled, worked, and then found they needed more education."

If this increase proves to be a trend, he said it will soon be time for the University to consider its ultimate size, whether it will stay a small, more personal institution at a maximum size of 6,000 students.

The enrolment jump comes at a time when housing is extremely scarce throughout Greater Victoria. Even with public appeals and publicity, the University Housing Service says hundreds of students are still looking for off-campus accommodation.

Dr. Farquhar said that between 200 and

400 additional students will be instructed in the University's Up-Island programmes. He did not have comparative figures.

The total increase in students does not include the more than 60 who are registered in the post-graduate programme of the University's new School of Public Administration.

OFF-CAMPUS DEGREES

The University of Victoria will introduce at Nanaimo this September an expanded programme of third and fourth year degree courses in Arts and Science and Education.

Because this is the first provincial attempt to expand access to the University through off-campus study, community response will be evaluated carefully with an eye to broaden the programme in subsequent years, said Dr. L.E. Devlin, Director of Continuing Education.

The main purpose of the programme is to help students complete a four-year degree without having to leave the Nanaimo vicinity, while at the same time to increase the general public's access to higher education.

Assistance will be provided by Malaspina College, and special funding by the Provincial Government.

In addition to the seven Education courses to be offered at Nanaimo, Education courses will be taught in Duncan, Port Alberni and Courtenay-Campbell River.

The Arts and Science programme will include courses in anthropology, class-

ical studies, English, geography, linguistics, mathematics, political science and psychology.

Lectures will be given by faculty members from the University, who will commute each week Up-Island.

Final registration for all courses will be conducted in Nanaimo, on the Saturdays of September 7 and 14 at the Villa Hotel. Application forms for admission and re-registration can be picked up from the directors of Adult Education in local school districts, from the Assistant Dean of Continuing Education at Malaspina College at Nanaimo or Duncan, and from the Registrar's Office, University of Victoria.

Dr. Devlin said the University has installed a special toll-free line so that prospective students may call any department on campus for specific course information. Call "Operator" and ask for Zenith 2411. For detailed programme information, candidates are advised to call the Division of Continuing Education, University of Victoria, at 477-6911, locals 802 or 803.

OKANAGAN POST

Ronald R. Jeffels, Acting Head of UVic's Department of French Language and Literature, has been named principal of Okanagan College in Kelowna.

Mr. Jeffels said he will stay on at UVic until January when he takes over his new post. He succeeds Dr. Roland Grant.

He was appointed to the French Depart-

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ment position in June after being an Associate Professor of French here from 1963. During this time he has also been Director of Admissions, Dean of College and Student Affairs, and Registrar.

Mr. Jeffels, 53, holds B.A. and B.Ed. degrees from the University of Alberta, and a M.A. from Cambridge University.

PROMOTIONS

The Board of Governors has approved the promotions of Carl R. Hare (Theatre) and Dr. Hari M. Srivastava (Mathematics) to Professor, President Hugh E. Farquhar announced last week.

CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error, it was stated in last week's edition of Around The Ring that Dr. Tom Lambe of UVic's new School of Public Administration is an Associate Professor from the University of Southern California. Dr. Lambe is an Associate Professor from the University of Toronto, who, with Dr. G. Neil Perry, School Director, and Barton Cunningham, an Assistant Professor from the University of Southern California, will be teaching S.P.A. core courses.

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